held in July, 1980 that the minimum wages should be reviewed and revised, if necessary once at least in two years or on a rise of 50 points in the Consumer Price Index number, whichever is earlier.

[*English*]

Renovation of Shiv Mandir at Thane

6289. SHRI RAM KAPSE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESORCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any Memorandum for the rebuilt/ renovation of more the 1000 years old Shiv Mandir (Temple) at Ambernath, District Thane (Maharastra);

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM). (a) to (c). A letter has been received from the Ambernath Temple Renovation Committee for allowing them to carry out repairs including total restoration of the temple in its original shape.

The request could not be agreed to due to the non availability of authentic documents, drawings, photographs of the original format of the temple in full and it is against the principles of archaeological conservation to restore the missing parts of a monument without positive evidence. Besides, it is a centrally protected monument which has to be maintained and conserved by the Archaeological Survey of India. The temple is alreday included in the current years programme and some conservation measures have already been initiated.

[*Translation*]

Unemployed Persons Belonging to Scheduled Castes

6290. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted to ascertain the number of unemployed persons among Scheduled Castes: and

(b) the number of unemployed Scheduled Castes in Punjab or Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No survey has been conducted to ascertain those number of unemployed persons among Scheduled Castes.

(b) The number of persons registered with the Employment Exchanges in the two States as on 31.12 1990 was as follows:

Orissa	=	1.4 lakhs
Punjab	=	1.75 lakhs

[*English*]

Wages for Labourers Engaged in Salt Production

6291. SHRI SUDHIR GIRI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have enacted any law regarding the minimum wages of the labourers engaged in the salt industry:

(b) if so, the details thereof; and